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SUBJECT: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY IN DEVELOPMENT

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1. WE HAVE INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OF US DELEGATION AND OF
US POSITION PARA'S 2 AND 3 STATE 05934. ALTHOUGH COMPOSITION
OF CAE DELEGATION TO PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING HAS NOT
BEEN DECIDED, IT WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY DAVID YOKOE, WHO
HAS PRESIDED OVER NATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS.
ZOKOE HAS BEEN SECRETARZ OF STATE AT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
IN CHARGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE PAST YEAR AND HAS OCCA-
SIONALLY FILLED IN AS FOREIGN MINISTER. WE HAVE FOUND HIM REA-
SONABLY COOPERATIVE ALTHOUGH CAREFUL. HE IS A FORMER HIGH
SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AND HENCE HAS SOME GRASP OF ISSUES
UNDERDISCUSEION, BUT CANNOT BE CONSIDERDD REAL EXPERT IN THE
FIELD.

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2. ADNAN ZMERLI, TUNISIAN DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE AT UNESCO,
HAS BEEN AIDING GOCAE IN DRAFTING ITS NATIONAL PAPER AND IN
OTHERWISE PREPARING FOR THE CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO AOERLI,
PREPARATIONS ARE RELATIVELY WELL ADVANCED. IN ADDITION TO
THE THREE COOMISSIONS MENTIONEB BANGUI 1499, THERE IS NOW
ALSO A COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. MAJOR INTEREST OF

CAE DELEGATION WILL BE HOW SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP
CAE IN ACHIEVING ITS OWN DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN "DISENCLAVE-
MENT" UND AGRICULTURAL AND INERAL DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL ALSO
BE INTERESTED IN METHODS TO AVOID UNFORSEEN SOCIAL, ECOLOGICAL
AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW TECHNOLOGY.

3. IN THE PAST THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC
INTEREST OF THE GOCAE HAS BEEN IN THE USE OF SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY
FMCARRICULTURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. DISCOVERY
IN 1975 OF THE VAST BANGUI MAGNETIC ANOMALY BY A US POGO SATELLITE
ACCELERATED THIS INTEREST WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN STIMULATED BY
LANDSAT IMAGES OF CAE. WE WOULD EXPECT THIS AREA OF TECHNOLOGY
AND FUTURE USES THEREOF TO FIGURE HIGH ON GOCAE AGENDA FOR
CONFERENCE AID/W AND UNDP, OFFICE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, NEW
YORK, HELD PRELIMINARY TALKS LAST YEAR ABOUT AN WMBITIOUS PROJECT
TO USE SATELLITE IMAGERY AND GROUND AND AERO MAGNETIC SURVEYS
TO ASSESS THE CAE MINERAL POTENTIAL. WHILE US PARTICIPATION
HAS BEEN PUT OFF, UNDP MAY DECIDE TO GO AHEAD WITH OTHER
BILATERAL DONORS.

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